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Amendments to the Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A modular planter kit comprising:

a first panel having a first lateral side and a second lateral side;

a second panel having a first lateral side and a second lateral side;

a third panel having a first <u>lateral</u> side and a second <u>lateral</u> side;

a first, temporary fastener that is configured for temporarily attaching said first panel adjacent said second panel so that said second <u>lateral</u> side of said first panel is immediately

adjacent said first <u>lateral</u> side of said second panel; and

a second fastener that is configured for attaching said third panel adjacent said second panel so that said first <u>lateral</u> side of said third panel is immediately adjacent said second <u>lateral</u> side of

said second panel, wherein:

said first temporary fastener comprises a first outwardly extending male

fastener portion and a first female fastener portion,

said first temporary fastener is adapted to removably attach said first panel adjacent said second panel via a frictional engagement between said first male fastener portion and said first female fastener portion,

said second temporary fastener comprises a second outwardly extending male fastener portion and a second female fastener portion, and

said second temporary fastener is adapted to removably attach said third panel adjacent said second panel via a frictional engagement between said second male fastener portion and said second female fastener portion.

2. (Currently Amended) The modular planter kit of Claim 1, wherein said second fastener is a temporary fastener that is configured for temporarily attaching said third panel adjacent said second panel so that said first <u>lateral</u> side of said third panel is immediately adjacent said second <u>lateral</u> side of said second panel.

3. (Currently Amended) The modular planter kit of Claim 1, wherein each of said first, second, and third panels is substantially planar.

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4. (Currently Amended) The modular planter kit of Claim 1, wherein:

said first fastener comprises a first portion and a second portion;

said first portion of said first fastener is adapted to be attached adjacent said first panel;

said second portion of said first fastener is adapted to be attached adjacent said second panel; and

said first fastener is adapted to allow a user to attach said first panel adjacent said second panel by moving said first <u>male</u> portion of said first fastener so that said first <u>male</u> portion of said first fastener slideably engages said <u>second first female</u> portion of said first fastener.

5. (Currently Amended) The modular planter kit of Claim [[1]] 4, wherein:

said second fastener is a temporary fastener;

said second fastener comprises a first portion and a second portion;

said first portion of said second fastener is adapted to be attached adjacent said third

panel;

said second portion of said second fastener is adapted to be attached adjacent said second panel; and

said second fastener is adapted to allow a user to attach said third panel adjacent said second panel by moving said **first second male** portion of said second fastener so that it slideably engages said second **female** portion of said second fastener.

Claims 6-8 (Withdrawn)

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9. (Currently Amended) The modular planter kit of Claim 1, wherein said modular planter kit further comprises:

a fourth panel having a first lateral side and a second lateral side, and

a third, temporary fastener that is configured for temporarily attaching said fourth panel adjacent said third panel so that said first <u>lateral</u> side of said fourth panel is immediately adjacent said second <u>lateral</u> side of said third panel, <u>wherein</u>:

said third, temporary fastener comprises a third outwardly extending male fastener portion and a third female fastener portion, and

said third temporary fastener is adapted to removably attach said fourth panel adjacent said third panel via a frictional engagement between said outwardly extending third male fastener portion and said third female fastener portion.

Claims 10 - 14 (Withdrawn)

15. **(Original)** The modular planter kit of Claim 1, further comprising an anchor that is attached adjacent at least one of said first, second, or third panels, said anchor being adapted to be driven into a supporting surface after said modular planter kit is assembled and positioned on said supporting surface.

16. (Withdrawn)

17. **(Original)** The modular planter kit of Claim 1, wherein said modular planter kit is adapted to be assembled so that it substantially surrounds the base of a stationary object that extends into the ground.

18. (Withdrawn)

- 19. (Original) The modular planter kit of Claim 1, wherein a height of each of said panels is between about 10 and 12 inches.
- 20. (**Original**) The modular planter kit of Claim 1, wherein said first, second, and third panels are adapted to be stacked when not in use.

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21. (Currently Amended) The modular planter kit of Claim 1, wherein:

A modular planter kit comprising:

- a first panel having a first lateral side and a second lateral side;
- a second panel having a first lateral side and a second lateral side;
- a third panel having a first lateral side and a second lateral side;
- a first, temporary fastener that is configured for temporarily attaching said first panel adjacent said second panel so that said second lateral side of said first panel is immediately adjacent said first lateral side of said second panel; and
- a second fastener that is configured for attaching said third panel adjacent said second panel so that said first lateral side of said third panel is immediately adjacent said second lateral side of said second panel, wherein:

said first, second, and third panels are adapted to be positioned adjacent a wall so that (A) said first <u>lateral</u> side of said first panel is immediately adjacent said wall, and (B) said second <u>lateral</u> side of said third panel is immediately adjacent wall; and

said first panel, said second panel, said third panel, and said wall cooperate to form a substantially rectangular planter.

Claims 22 - 39. (Withdrawn)

40. (New) The modular planter kit of Claim 1, wherein:

said first male fastener portion is attached adjacent said first lateral side of said second panel;

said first female fastener portion is attached adjacent said second lateral side of said first panel;

said second outwardly extending male fastener portion is attached adjacent said second lateral side of said second panel; and

said second female fastener portion is attached adjacent said first lateral side of said third panel.

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(New) The modular planter kit of Claim 40, wherein: 41.

said first female fastener portion comprises a first slot; and

said first outwardly extending male fastener portion comprises a first hooked male member that is adapted to slideably engage said first female fastener portion, and to thereby releasably hook onto said first female fastener portion after said first hooked male member is received within said first slot and pushed downwardly relative to said first female fastener portion.

(New) The modular planter kit of Claim 41, wherein: 42.

said second female fastener portion comprises a second slot; and

said second outwardly extending male fastener portion comprises a second hooked male member that is adapted to slideably engage said second female fastener portion, and to thereby releasably hook onto said second female fastener portion after said second hooked male member is received within said second slot and pushed downwardly relative to said second female fastener portion.

(New) The modular planter kit of Claim 1, wherein: 43.

said first female fastener portion comprises a first slot;

said first outwardly extending male fastener portion comprises a first hooked male member that is adapted to slideably engage said first female fastener portion, and to thereby releasably hook onto said first female fastener portion after said first hooked male member is received within said first slot and pushed downwardly relative to said first female fastener portion;

said second female fastener portion comprises a second slot; and

said second outwardly extending male fastener portion comprises a second hooked male member that is adapted to slideably engage said second female fastener portion, and to thereby releasably hook onto said second female fastener portion after said second hooked male member is received within said second slot and pushed downwardly relative to said second female fastener portion.

(New) The modular planter kit of Claim 9, wherein: 44.

said first female fastener portion comprises a first slot;

said first outwardly extending male fastener portion comprises a first hooked male member that is adapted to slideably engage said first female fastener portion, and to thereby releasably hook onto said first female fastener portion after said first hooked male member is received within said first slot and pushed downwardly relative to said first female fastener portion;

said second female fastener portion comprises a second slot;

said second outwardly extending male fastener portion comprises a second hooked male member that is adapted to slideably engage said second female fastener portion, and to thereby releasably hook onto said second female fastener portion after said second hooked male member is received within said second slot and pushed downwardly relative to said second female fastener portion;

said third female fastener portion comprises a third slot; and

said third outwardly extending male fastener portion comprises a third hooked male member that is adapted to slideably engage said third female fastener portion, and to thereby releasably hook onto said third female fastener portion after said third hooked male member is received within said third slot and pushed downwardly relative to said third female fastener portion.

(New) The modular planter kit of Claim 9, wherein: 45.

said first, second, third, and fourth panels are adapted to be attached together to form a substantially bottomless box with a substantially open top.